

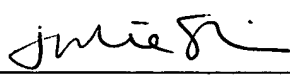
REMARKS

Claims 1-21 and 23-24 appear in this application.

The allowance of claims 1-20 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 22-24 are noted with appreciation. To expedite the allowance of this application, claim 21 has been amended to recite the features of allowable claim 22, while claim 22 has been cancelled. It is believed that this action places all current claims in condition for allowance, early notice of which would be appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

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